

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
OFFICE OF INTEGRATED CARE

Minimum Staffing Requirements for Community Partners

Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) or FQHC Look-Alikes that have mental health within their scope of project may utilize one of the following professionals:

- (i) Licensed Psychologist;
- (ii) Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW);
- (iii) Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP); or
- (iv) Psychiatrist.

FQHCs and FQHC Look-Alikes that do not have mental health within their scope of project, and non-FQHCs, may utilize one of the following professionals:

- (i) Licensed or Waivered Psychologist;
- (ii) Licensed or Registered Social Worker;
- (iii) Licensed or Registered Marriage and Family Therapist (MFT);
- (iv) Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner; or
- (v) Psychiatrist.

Waivered Psychologists:

- Individuals interested in serving as a “Waivered Psychologist” under a DMH Agreement must obtain a waiver—even if they are registered with their licensing board (per WIC 5751.2 (d)).
- Psychologist candidates can submit requests for Mental Health Professional Licensing Waivers through LAC-DMH on behalf of the Local Mental Health Plan. California State Department of Health Care Services is the authorized entity that determines if requests for waivers will be granted or denied.
- The State can grant waivers for a maximum of five years. The State does not have provisions for extensions of expired waivers.